

McConnell Springs

Mission: *Provide educational opportunities for all visitors while protecting and promoting the natural and historical diversity and integrity of McConnell Springs.*

McConnell Springs is a 26-acre natural area park within an industrial area near downtown Lexington.

The park is also an important historic site.

McConnell Springs was settled in 1775 by William McConnell and is heralded as the site where Lexington was named.

Two miles of trail wander around the sinking springs, woodlands, stone fences, vestiges of historical buildings and the Kentucky American Water Education Center.

416 Rebmman Lane
Lexington, KY 40504

Hours: Daily 9 am—5 pm

For more information or to schedule a program please contact Laurie Thomas at
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Educational Opportunities

- *McConnell Springs offers programs that are designed to provide visitors with an opportunity to learn about the natural history of Kentucky.*
- *Programs are designed and conducted for school groups, community organizations, scout troops, etc.*
- *Programs can be designed or tailored to meet the learning objectives of the group.*
- *All programs are conducted free of charge.*

Themes of Programs

- Adaptations of plants and animals of the Bluegrass
- Animals of the Bluegrass
- Geology of the Bluegrass
 - Fossils
 - Karst topography
- Habitats of the Bluegrass
- History of the Bluegrass area including the significance of McConnell Springs
- Insects—butterflies and dragonflies
- Orienteering
- Plants of the Bluegrass area—Tree and plant identification
- Water and water quality